

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: September, 2024

To,

The Dy. Director General of Forest (Central)
Regional Office of MoEF&CC
Dehradun

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 87.0815 ha of forest land for "Expansion of the Jolly Grant Airport" under Forest Division and District Dehradun of the State of Uttarakhand (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/Others/44884/2020)

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the CCF & Nodal Officer (Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), O/o PCCF, Government of Uttarakhand's letter No. 1471/12-1 Dehradun dated 24.01.2024 and letter dated 18.07.2024 on the above subject proposal and to say that the proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 27.08.2024. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in. The Committee, after going through the facts of the proposal, observed that complete information as requested by the MoEF&CC from the State Government and Regional Office has not been received specially with regards to compensatory afforestation carried out in lieu of approval granted for 70 ha of forest land approved in 2003. Therefore, Committee desired that complete information with regards to CA, in lieu of diversion of 70 ha of forest land diverted in 2003 may be submitted by the Regional Office along with assessment of the following:

- i. Validation of the various project parameters such as CA land, project affected trees, etc. and status of violation, if any, committed by the user agency during the intervening period.
- ii. legitimacy of forest land proposed for diversion vis-à-vis project components proposed in the forest land
- iii. Impact of the proposal on the wildlife corridors specially elephant corridors and legitimacy of the mitigation measures proposed by the State.

In view of above, the Regional Office, Dehradun is requested to provide information, as indicated above, to the Ministry for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'E'

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary (Forest), Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC